

## Manuelito Mission Trip 2018

“I went to Manuelito. We helped people with the flowerbeds. I picked weeds and picked up trash. We went to church with them and I read a scripture. I learned about God and Jesus. I had a good time and can’t wait to go back next year!” – Preston Thornton

“At Manuelito, I worked on removing three rose bushes and digging holes for the rose bushes. When we first arrived, I didn’t want to be there but by the end of the week, I didn’t want to leave. When Wednesday came around, I couldn’t wait for church. We have this thing called “Wacky Wednesday” where we play games till midnight. Tuesday was fun as well with A.J.’s game.

I had fun all week but my favorite part was skating on Thursday. Even though I love going on the trip out there and back is a pain.” - Jaxon Hasty

“This was my third year to go to Manuelito and the most personally challenging. Though the work was difficult, the hardest part was not having my close friends there as I have in the past. I was challenged to make new friends and strengthen other relationships. I was also put in a position of leadership being the oldest guy.

I would have had a much more difficult time with these if I had not gone to Camp Blue Haven. I learned how to push myself mentally and spiritually at Blue Haven; therefore, I was able to do more than I thought. This year I organized morning devos, I partially led work parties, and I gave a devotional. Though the work was not as hard as previous years it was fun to test myself.

Also, this trip somewhat forced me to get out of my comfort zone and be more open. To conclude, this year’s trip was a learning experience for me, but also a fun time to work, play and try new things.” - Bradley Carnes